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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed July 15, 2003, please consider the following before reconsideration of this application.

REMARKS

Upon receipt of this response, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to arrange a telephone interview concerning the inventive merits of this application.

Claims 127-167 and 171-197 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(e), as being unpatentable over Meade et al. '369 in view of Vermeglio et al. Claims 168-170 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Meade et al. '369 in view of Vermeglio et al., further in view of Harmer et al. '294. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised obviousness rejections in view of the following remarks.